



## MARGINAL COLUMN

By GEORGE LEONOV

**D**IALOGUE has now been injected into the Anglo-Icelandic dispute over territorial waters which began on Monday as a plebiscite pantomime — with rival naval officers arguing about their respective rights in the matter. London sound effects have so far been absent, happily enough, in the 12-mile belt into which a motley fleet of British trawlers and gunboats has sailed to challenge Iceland's right to trouble their fishing waters. It is inconceivable that a situation should develop in which the orders issued to warships of both nations to keep their cannons cocked could be countermanded. British fishermen would be the support of the Royal Navy, have already demonstrated that Iceland is unable to enforce the new sea-limits. Mr. Macmillan has said that the demonstration has done little to solve the problem, which is Iceland's almost complete dependence on the fishing grounds for her living.

**N**O ONE seriously imagined that Iceland's armada of seven gunboats would go into action, even if the 12-mile limit was disregarded. Least of all was this likely to occur to responsible people in Britain, who for all their indignation at Iceland's claim to a 12-mile monopoly, have never failed to evince generous sympathy for the understanding with regard to the Icelanders' economic problems. It would be difficult to determine the point at which the British Government decided that it could not continue to negotiate with Iceland for a mutually acceptable settlement. The decision was made on a course which entailed, to put it bluntly, browbeating the Norsemen into a reasonable state of mind. An alternative course, of course, is that it might draw more immediate attention to the state of Iceland's economy. The immediate discussion of the entire question by the NATO Council in Paris, and later possibly by the Foreign Ministers of the Atlantic alliance, is obviously a step in this direction.

**T**HERE has been ample criticism of the Icelanders for not having done more in the past years to avoid their present inflation and growing trade deficit. More to the point, however, is what the Reykjavik Government could do in the future to make Iceland's economy less dependent on its fishing industry. To no small extent, Iceland is even today the victim of the fish. Shortly after the end of World War II the shoals of herring off its coasts suddenly acquired a mind of their own and what might have been the country's highly developed processing industry found itself in mothballs for almost nine years. Market fluctuations have also been a cause of worry, in more ways than one, because since 1953 the Soviet Union has been Iceland's best customer. And while certain of NATO's members might continue to face the prospect of Iceland's dependence on fish with relative calm, the fact that one of their allies is to a great degree dependent on the Russians must offer some what less cause for complacency. Countries less dependent on Soviet commercial ethics, such as Israel and Yugoslavia, have found that doing business with Russia can be an economically profitable and politically exasperating experience.

**W**HAT further complicates the issue is that, in whatever form economic assistance may be ultimately forthcoming, the lion's share will as usual have to come from the U.S. While Iceland enjoys America's credit, a credit source of dollars — the U.S. military base at Keflavik — has been tapering off ever since the more or less committed herself to call for the withdrawal of American troops from the island. The fact that the country is ruled by a ruling coalition, and that the Fisheries Minister, Mr. Jonsson, is a Communist, is not the sort of set-up that is likely to win Iceland sympathy in the State Department in the present dispute.

## Faubus Says Federal Action Being Prepared

**L**ITTLE ROCK. — Governor Orval Faubus said on Tuesday that he had learned that U.S. marshals and other federal officers were being mustered for possible use when the Little Rock Central High School opens on Monday week.

He told a press conference, "Even now in Little Rock there are U.S. marshals and other federal officers ready to take over at Central High School and enforce integration if this is ordered again."

Mr. Faubus said he would resist any show of federal force, including the use of federal troops, by closing the school.

"This is a great deal more I might do, but I don't want to promote open conflict," he added.

## TAIPEI SAYS INVASION IMMINENT

### US Military Leaders Confer with Dulles

**U.S.** Secretary of State Dulles conferred in Washington on Tuesday with top members of the U.S. military commands amid reports from official circles in Formosa that the Chinese Communists were preparing an invasion fleet to capture the offshore Quemoy islands.

No information was disclosed at the Washington conference other than that Mr. Dulles was briefed on the latest developments in the Formosa Straits. The Secretary of State returned to the capital on Monday from a nine-day vacation.

The reports in Taipei said that the recent lull in the bombardment of the islands from the mainland was due to the assembly at strategic harbours of the invasion fleet and the imminence of a landing attempt.

Nationalist China's Ambassador in Washington, Mr. Holloman, said he believed U.S. forces would defend the islands. He made the statement to newsmen after a farewell visit to Under-Secretary Christian Herter.

## 27 Face Court For London Race Riots

**LONDON (Reuters).** — Twenty-seven men — 12 of them Coloured — and one woman, were brought to trial before the Westminster Magistrate on Tuesday in connection with the racial riots in the Notting Hill area of London on Monday night.

A boy was remanded to a juvenile court and the woman defendant was fined \$5 for insulting behaviour. The Magistrate remanded the 26 other cases until September 8, releasing 13 of the men on bail while the rest were ordered to be held in custody.

The riots and plans to stamp them out will be discussed on Wednesday by the Home Secretary, Mr. H. A. Butler, and the new head of Scotland Yard, Mr. Joseph Simpson. They will consider a proposal that London Police recruit Coloured detectives to cope with crime in the big Coloured communities in the metropolis.

## Question Not Raised

**Mr. Tong** said the question of U.S. intervention in the Formosa Straits was not raised at the meeting, but that he based his belief on interpretation of public statements by President Eisenhower and Mr. Dulles. Mr. Tong is returning to Taipei, where he will be in charge of the U.S. military mission.

Mr. Tong said that he was sure a firm U.S. commitment to retaliate against China if the islands are invaded. "I am sure that to my successor, Mr. George Koh," he said with a laugh.

## U.S. FINANCIER QUOTED

**MOSCOW (UPI).** — The American financier, Mr. Cyrus Eaton, said on Tuesday, "There is no doubt that the Chinese People's Republic and not Formosa should be represented in the United Nations."

In an interview with the trade union journal "Trud," as broadcast by Moscow Radio, Mr. Eaton also said:

"The Chinese Government has become more sensible, my wife and I will definitely go to China. I am convinced that a wonderful future lies ahead of the Chinese People's Republic."

## Iraq Pledges Funds To Algerian Rebels

**Baghdad** Radio reported on Tuesday night that the Iraqi Government had decided to donate 50,000 Dinars to the cause of the Algerian F.L.N. The announcement of the donation was made by Premier Abdul Karim Kassem, in hiding, in a broadcast to the Algerian people.

Mr. Kassem said he was sending a delegation of Algerian trade-unionists bound for Cairo to attend an all-Arab workers conference in support of the Algerian rebels.

## 7 Die as Transport Chartered By El Al Crashes in London

**LONDON (Reuters).** — Seven persons were killed and eight injured when a chartered El Al transport plane crashed into a row of houses in South London on Tuesday night.

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**An El Al spokesman** in Tel Aviv said on Tuesday night that the crashed plane was carrying some technical equipment for El Al, among it, a cargo. It was stressed that neither the aircraft nor the crew were connected with the Israeli airline.

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## Indians Plan Food Raids To Relieve Famine

**NEW DELHI (UPI).** — Parties in opposition to Prime Minister Nehru in Uttar Pradesh State on Tuesday disclosed plans to unite and seize food and grain shops and distribute food at fair prices to the starving in famine areas. Similar action was also reported from other famine-stricken districts. The action is to start on September 5 in four eastern regions of the State.

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**Earlier reports** from another part of the State said that a mob had raided food and grain shops and snatched food packages, distributing them to the needy and starving. The situation was later brought under control by police.

A Praja (People's) Socialist Party spokesman said that agitation would gradually be extended to other parts of Uttar Pradesh State. He said that this action was being taken because the Government had refused to aid many people who were dying of starvation or were the victims of various fatal diseases due to undernourishment.

## India Pakistan Vow To Avoid Warfare

**NEW DELHI (Reuters).** — Prime Minister Nehru told the Upper House of Parliament on Tuesday that India would never go to war with Pakistan unless attacked.

The Premier was replying to questions on the reported statement by the Pakistani Prime Minister, Mr. Feroz Khan Noon, that Pakistan would never go to war with India to settle the Kashmir dispute.

## UK-Egypt Financial Talks Resume Today

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## Verwoerd Elected S. African Premier

**CAPETOWN (Reuters).** — Hendrik Verwoerd, 57, Minister of Native Affairs, was on Tuesday elected as South African Prime Minister by the National Assembly.

Mr. Verwoerd, who succeeds Dr. Strijdom, was chief architect of the National Party's policy of Apartheid (racial segregation), and was the Party's leader in the Senate for 10 years.

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The radio said that the trawler was five miles inside the 12-mile territorial waters limit proclaimed by Iceland when it was taken on board the frigate.

## Laskov Hits Talk Of 'Israel Attack'

**Jerusalem Post Reporter.** — The Chief of Staff, Rav-Aluf Haim Laskov, said on Tuesday night that talk of Israel attacking Jordan was emanating precisely from those quarters who wished to dismember Israel, who had sought Security Council decisions on free passage through the Suez Canal, and who blocked our passage to the West Bank.

Rav-Aluf Laskov was speaking before 200 delegates of the International Mobilization Conference for State of Israel Bonds at the Sharon Hotel.

## Opposition to Demand Special Knesset Session

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## Rashid Ali Gets Big Welcome In Baghdad

**BAGHDAD (Reuters).** — Cheering Iraqis swarmed over Baghdad Airport on Tuesday to greet Rashid Ali al-Ghailani who was returning home after 17 years in exile.

Mr. Ghailani was later received by Premier Abdul Karim Kassem and was also visited at his home by Deputy Premier, Abdel Salam Aref.

Some 5,000 students waved banners and shouted Arab nationalist slogans as he landed from Cairo. Cars jammed the roads around the airport. Leading the welcoming party were Shams al-Din Shams al-Din, Minister in the new Cabinet, who also served in the six-week Rashid Ali Government in 1941.

## Dag Leaves For Talks in Cairo

**GENEVA (Reuters).** — U.N. Secretary-General Dag Hammarskjöld left here by air on Tuesday for Cairo on the second leg of his "lasting peace" mission for the Middle East.

Mr. Hammarskjöld flew here from Beirut last Saturday to attend the opening of the second U.N. International Conference on the Peaceful Uses of Atomic Energy, which was held on Monday.

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## U.S. to Propose N. Space Control

**CHICAGO (UPI).** — The U.S. will propose a programme of international cooperation for the peaceful exploration of outer space at the next regular session of the U.N. General Assembly, Mr. Henry Cabot Lodge said on Tuesday.

He told the American Convention here that President Eisenhower had instructed him to include the "important and urgent subject of outer space" in the General Assembly agenda.

## A-Scientists Hear of Prospects For Power from Light, H-Bombs

**GENEVA.** — Dr. Peter Thomsen, the Australian who heads Britain's "Zeta" thermonuclear power team, told the world's nuclear scientists here on Tuesday it was still impossible to say if the light elements alone could be made to produce electricity.

That is the object of the "Zeta" researches — to discover if fusion of hydrogen atoms can be made to yield limitless power for mankind.

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NEWS of the visit which President J. B. de Gaulle is to pay next week to Iran and Afghanistan has come at a time when the question of Middle East defence is being subjected to a thorough reappraisal following the coup in Baghdad. Reports received so far here suggested that President de Gaulle's visit may be aimed at the inclusion of Afghanistan in some regional defence link with Iran, Pakistan and Turkey. Whether or not this would mean the adherence of Afghanistan to what is left of the Baghdad Pact is not clear, but it seems certain that the visit is a bid to consolidate the "Northern Tier" against possible Soviet encroachments — the concept on which the idea of the Baghdad Pact was founded originally.

The interest which the West and the Moslem members of the Baghdad Pact have been showing recently in strengthening their defence line comes as a natural consequence of recent events in Iraq, whose revolutionary government is almost certain to defect from the Pact sooner or later. The attempt to assert the Treaty's continued validity was given expression in the announcement made in London in July by the American Secretary of State, Mr. Dulles, whereby members of the Baghdad Pact were linked by separate defence treaties with the U.S. Government. Dr. Bayar's forthcoming visit to Iran and Afghanistan is another expression of this interest.

Actually, the question as to whether the prospective withdrawal of Iraq from the Baghdad Pact would really weaken this defence organization is not so easy to answer. As the only Arab country in the Pact, Iraq did the West no great service through associating with an arrangement whose existence was resented by the majority of Arab opinion. There is in fact much to be said for the argument that Iraq's membership reduced the Pact's usefulness no less than it hampered Iraq's bid for leadership of the Arab world. The current trials in Baghdad of men associated with the Syrian Government — some would call them merely endeavours to bring about a union between the two countries — show increasingly clearly that the main, perhaps the only, obstacle in the way of this merger was Iraq's open association with the West, especially Britain, through the Baghdad Pact. It was no doubt this association which drove Syria into Nasser's arms and brought down the monarchy in Iraq.

A Baghdad Pact without Iraq is not likely to be a weaker organization, especially if President Bayar's efforts to bring Afghanistan into line one way or another cannot be successful. The Iranian Foreign Minister, at a press conference on August 17, was candid enough to say almost as much, pointing out that the new Iraqi Government was closer to Iran than its predecessor — a thesis which, though it may not have sprung from full and sincere conviction, still has some basis in reality.

In discussing the future of Middle East defence, however, one cannot help thinking that the danger or aggression is not confined to forces outside the area, as these coming and going seem to presuppose. With the Arab States assuming a state of belligerency with Israel, and with certain Arab countries having frankly aggressive designs on some of their neighbours, it should have been clear that the Middle East needs to be saved from itself no less than from outsiders. By concentrating its efforts on perfecting means for repelling outside aggression, the West may not be paying enough attention to the dangers springing from forces within the area. Chances, after all, begin at home.

## 'Yes' Likely for De Gaulle

### Personal Popularity Evident on African Tour

By WILLIAM MILLER

PARIS (OWN) — The opposition and even hostility he ran into at Conakry in French Guinea and Dakar in Senegal, General de Gaulle should be well satisfied with the results of his tour of France's African territories. It now seems likely that most of the 15,000,000 African electorate may "yes" to his new Constitution, when they vote, with the same rights as French citizens, in the September referendum.

The enthusiastic welcome de Gaulle received from the crowd at Fort Lamy (Chad), Tananarive (Madagascar), Brazzaville (Middle Congo) and especially at Abidjan (Ivory Coast) demonstrated his personal popularity in these territories. In French Equatorial Africa was the first French possession to rally to the Free French during the last war and General de Gaulle is still known in Africa as "the man of Brazzaville" who in 1944 promised home rule to French Africa. It was therefore not surprising that he should choose Brazzaville to make the most important speech of his tour, when, for the first time, he gave the Africans a firm promise of independence, a word he had previously avoided in favour of "secession".

The choice of Brazzaville, General de Gaulle stated in the clearest terms the choice French Africa will have in the coming referendum. By voting "no" the territory would be able to choose immediate independence — though this might mean economic aid from France. This brutal choice had been put before the Africans — and resented by many of them — before General de Gaulle left Paris. What was new and of great importance in the Brazzaville speech was the promise that the African territories would not be imprisoned in the Federal Community once they had entered it. They would be free to choose independence or to remain in the Community.

General de Gaulle said: "If within the Community a territory after a certain time feels capable of accepting all the burdens and all the duties of independence, then it will be up to that territory to decide through its elected assembly."

Thus, the General seemed to have satisfied the demands of even the most nationalist African politicians. Some of the French officials who would expect M. Gabriel d'Arboussier, Vice-President of the Grand Council of the West Africa, said: "After such a speech there is no longer a Franco-African problem." Some of the principal leaders of Equatorial Africa, who had been demanding the right to independence, also expressed their satisfaction. Why then did General de Gaulle get a hostile reception at Conakry and Dakar? What do the Africans really want?

At first sight those who are still not satisfied with General de Gaulle's offer seem to be in a confused state of mind. The clamour for independence, and yet still the desire to remain associated with France. They seem to want to keep their cake and eat it.

The fear of being cut off from France without a penny certainly exists, but financial aid is not the only important M. Sekou Touré's speech to the African Republic (RDA) in Guinea, said during General de Gaulle's visit to Conakry: "We prefer poverty with freedom to riches with slavery."

When my electric light bill suddenly jumped to IL 20 from the usual IL 10, I was puzzled. I had been in the house for the previous three years and I had never seen a bill like this. I had been told that there was a defect in the wiring or the meter, as no additional lights or appliances had been installed in the house or on my farm. His reply was that even if there is a defect (in the wiring or the meter), the customer is obliged to pay what the meter shows!

The proper authorities should take steps to remedy this state of affairs in which a citizen has the choice of paying for power which he did not use or else of having the current cut off altogether. Yours, etc., N. Y. STEINER

Copy of this letter was sent to Palestine Electric Corporation but no reply has been received. ED.

**KIBBUTZ MUSEUM**  
Editor, The Jerusalem Post  
Sir, — During a trip through Upper Galilee I happened on a young kibbutz, Maayan Baruch, where I found an archaeological museum founded by one of the members of this settlement, Amnon Asaf. He is more than the founder, he has built up the museum with his own hands. And he himself, alone, did the digging.

Close to the kibbutz is a pre-historic site, replete with relics. They belong for the most part to the pre-historic period, but there are also remains of a later period. Amnon Asaf sort out all his discoveries himself, built the necessary shelves and stands, and relied entirely on his own resources for all the other work involved in setting up the museum. Already he has more exhibits than can be accommodated

in two rooms and a porch, despite the fact that he presented many duplicates to the Hebrew University.

Amnon's attitude toward his creation is one of profound reverence. When I asked him some questions about the museum, his face lit up with emotion, and his eyes burned with an intense, almost sacred, devotion.

I asked him when he found time to do his excavations and for work in the museum generally. It turned out that he devotes his Sabbath and holidays to the work, as well as several hours each evening (after a day's work in the kibbutz).

When I asked whether it would not be possible for the settlement to grant him, say, a day a week to devote to the museum, he shyly explained that it was a young kibbutz, where all members work very hard. He could not deprive them of a day's labour. It was enough, he added, that the kibbutz premises for the museum were a wooden hut — and that occasionally other members come in to help arrange the exhibits.

When I asked him whether he had not received assistance from the Ministry of Education and Culture, or from visiting tourists, he smiled: he had no time to solicit support.

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## Economic Survey Delegate Describes Mexican Jewry

By WILLIAM MILLER

MEXICAN Jewry is a small community, — 25,000 of the republic's population of 25,000,000, and 20,000 of them in Mexico City — but it is a thriving community which retains its Jewishness, says Mr. Shimon Feldman, chairman of the Jewish Mexican Economic Survey Group.

The group comprises 25 industrialists and manufacturers who are active in the Mexican Jewish community. It is largely an immigrant community and Yiddish continues to be an important factor in its life, declares Mr. Feldman, although it also includes 600 Sephardi families from the Balkans, 600 Aleppo families and 400 Damascus families.

The Ashkenazi community, of which Mr. Feldman, owner of a large steel construction plant, is president, was founded 30 years ago, one year after he arrived in Mexico from Russia. Until two years ago it was mainly concerned with the religious and social welfare of its members, but now it has been reorganized and embraces all Ashkenazi from right to left. All the Zionist groups are represented on it and constitute the overwhelming majority.

The reorganization did away with the necessity of holding separate meetings previously run for social welfare and education, since a voluntary communal tax was levied on all members of the community. The proceeds covers all segments of Jewish communal life in Mexico.

It is an unusual phenomenon for the Diaspora that in Mexico assimilation through intermarriage has increased over the past years instead of the opposite. The first Jewish immigrants found few Jewish girls in Mexico and many of them married non-Jews. Today it is negligible, Mr. Feldman declares. Assimilation in general has not made great inroads into the Mexican Jewish community, and while the Jews have neither entered into society nor acquired a common language with the middle classes. A number of the young generation may have lost touch with Jewish traditions, but they have not "assimilated" out of the Jewish community, which remains compact and strong.

The smallness of Mexican Jewry is no doubt due to the stoppage of Jewish immigration before World War Two, which has a trickle of special cases.

**Many at University**  
A measure of the relative condition of Mexican Jewry is seen in the fact that a large proportion of its young men are studying in Israel. Most popular professions are Jews are medicine and civil engineering.

Mexican non-Jews usually stick to their own laws, and Mexican Jews have several Jewish schools run by the various organizations, beginning with the kindergarten and ending at the university level. Over 4,000 attend there. They differ in the degree of priority given to Spanish, Yiddish and Hebrew.

The Centro Deportivo Israelita, in Mexico City, described as a beautiful sports centre, plays a major role in keeping Mexican-born Jewish youth in the community. Mr. Feldman stated. Some 2,500 families belong to it and participate in its manifold activities which include football, tennis, swimming, a library, a theatre and a cinema. It is a most imposing sight to see the centre filled by almost 5,000 people, young and old, on weekends.

The large majority of Mexican Jews are Zionist and do their utmost to further the interests of Israel, Mr. Feldman declared. The Mexican Zionist Federation includes all the parties, while the youth movements are affiliated to a Zionist Youth Federation. Very few Mexican Jews, however, emigrate to Israel.

**Advantage to France**  
France, too, would draw advantage in the long run from the development of Africa, despite the mean nationalism of many French industrialists who would like to abandon all overseas possessions. These "right wing anti-colonialists," which West Germany has prospered without colonies, feel that money "squandered" in Africa would be better employed at home, especially as the Africans demand independence anyway. There was something of this feeling in General de Gaulle's original idea of "let us or manage as best you can alone." But his Brazzaville offer is much more generous and has earned the praise of many French liberals.

The fact remains that while recognizing independence in Africa, his Government is continuing the war against the nationalist movement in Algeria and the Algerian war continues it will be difficult for France to play its full part in the European Economic Market, which would benefit the African continent and France will also have less money to invest in Africa herself.

**Electricity Bills**  
Editor, The Jerusalem Post  
Sir, — I should like to protest at the unfair practices of the Palestine Electric Corporation.

When my electric light bill suddenly jumped to IL 20 from the usual IL 10, I was puzzled. I had been in the house for the previous three years and I had never seen a bill like this. I had been told that there was a defect in the wiring or the meter, as no additional lights or appliances had been installed in the house or on my farm. His reply was that even if there is a defect (in the wiring or the meter), the customer is obliged to pay what the meter shows!

The proper authorities should take steps to remedy this state of affairs in which a citizen has the choice of paying for power which he did not use or else of having the current cut off altogether. Yours, etc., N. Y. STEINER

Copy of this letter was sent to Palestine Electric Corporation but no reply has been received. ED.

**KIBBUTZ MUSEUM**  
Editor, The Jerusalem Post  
Sir, — During a trip through Upper Galilee I happened on a young kibbutz, Maayan Baruch, where I found an archaeological museum founded by one of the members of this settlement, Amnon Asaf. He is more than the founder, he has built up the museum with his own hands. And he himself, alone, did the digging.

Close to the kibbutz is a pre-historic site, replete with relics. They belong for the most part to the pre-historic period, but there are also remains of a later period. Amnon Asaf sort out all his discoveries himself, built the necessary shelves and stands, and relied entirely on his own resources for all the other work involved in setting up the museum. Already he has more exhibits than can be accommodated

in two rooms and a porch, despite the fact that he presented many duplicates to the Hebrew University.

Amnon's attitude toward his creation is one of profound reverence. When I asked him some questions about the museum, his face lit up with emotion, and his eyes burned with an intense, almost sacred, devotion.

I asked him when he found time to do his excavations and for work in the museum generally. It turned out that he devotes his Sabbath and holidays to the work, as well as several hours each evening (after a day's work in the kibbutz).

When I asked whether it would not be possible for the settlement to grant him, say, a day a week to devote to the museum, he shyly explained that it was a young kibbutz, where all members work very hard. He could not deprive them of a day's labour. It was enough, he added, that the kibbutz premises for the museum were a wooden hut — and that occasionally other members come in to help arrange the exhibits.

When I asked him whether he had not received assistance from the Ministry of Education and Culture, or from visiting tourists, he smiled: he had no time to solicit support.

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## Blue Division Marks Birthday

### Sensitike Medals Still Worn Proudly in Spain

By WILLIAM MILLER

THIRTEEN years have passed since Hitler's Third Reich was swept away, but in this corner of Europe remnants of the Axis days still crop up from time to time. More often than not they crop up with official approval and official participation as something worthy of national recognition and patriotic approval.

Thus the Blue Division, which fought alongside the Germans on the Russian front in World War II. This Spanish unit has long since been disbanded, but it lives on as a veterans' organization which periodically commemorates the Division's war-time exploits and proudly wears the medals which it won while Spain remained technically non-belligerent.

The Blue Division veterans no longer wear the German field-grey uniform of the war years, of course, but Spain is the only place in the world where the Iron Cross with swastika is still officially worn. It is worn as a war decoration like any other, and it survives as the Blue Division's insignia: the black Teutonic cross with the swastika in the center superimposed on a field of red and gold with the word *España* beneath it.

This year the 17th anniversary of the formation of the Blue Division was given more than usual publicity. Memorial services were held there in Madrid and a flow of messages of congratulations from persons of prominence, such as the Ministers of Justice, Marine, Air, Labour and Agriculture, the Secretary-General of the Falange, the blue-shirted organization whose fascist-type salute was discontinued a few years ago; and Ramon Serrano Suner, General Franco's brother-in-law who was Foreign Minister until the tide of war turned in favour of the Allies.

**No Remorse**  
Remorse or a sense of guilt about the Blue Division's role in the war is lacking. On the contrary there is plenty of indignation and bitterness at the "incomprehension" of those who hold it against the Division's fight alongside Hitler's legions.

"Maybe they will understand us and maybe they won't — not that we care very much," commented the Falange's "Arriba" recently. "We have a feeling that it is the world of tomorrow wants to be saved it will have to raise aloft the same banner of the struggle even if it had to be built with bayonets. In that blazing inferno we sought to destroy the anti-fascist ideas of a definitely out-moded bourgeois epoch."

There is no feeling here that the Blue Division's role in the war is a blot on its record to justify its reason for being or its contribution to the German war effort. Explanations, however, have been volunteered. One is that the Communists interfered in the Spanish civil war of 1936-1939 and contributed to the country's suffering and destruction. Spain, quite rightly decided to pay back the Soviets in kind by joining the Germans in the war on Russia's soil.

Another explanation, heard 17 years ago but not mentioned much nowadays, is that nationalist Spain felt honour-bound to pay back the help which it had received from the Third Reich in the Spanish conflict. Diplomatic reasons are also mentioned. In 1932 Serrano Suner wrote:

"Our relations with Germany were better as a result of the Blue Division and it saved us from many difficulties at the hands of our powerful European neighbours. For the Germans were on the Pyrenees, and possibly it saved us from being involved in the war... Intelligent Spaniards will never forget this."

**At the Cinema**  
"TIME WITHOUT PITY" (Armenian) David, Tel Aviv, enters a plea for the abolition of capital punishment in the framework of a murder mystery with psychological overtones. Europe because it is at times too much at once, the film leaves the curious impression of being made up of two separate stories, neither of which is fully developed and each of which is somewhat hampered by the other.

As a whodunit, the film is too slowly paced and not complex enough. As a psychological study of tormented relationships, it offers some moments of genuine drama and brilliant character portrayal but never fully exploits them.

Michael Rodgrave gives an honest, understated performance as the father racing against time in a role which is unfortunately somewhat monotonous. Leo McKern is excellent as the ego-ridden tycoon, as was Ann Todd as his stoic wife.

**PEN FRIENDS**  
DEVENDRA KUMAR, IT, of 28 Sevaal Gate, Musaffar-Nagar, India, a student, greatly desires to receive a pen pal from Israel. His chief hobbies are stamps, literature and current topics.

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